

Lincoln Conservation Commission
Lincoln Town Hall
100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2011 MEETING OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

MICHAEL MARSEGLIA - CHAIRMAN
ANTHONY E. PERROTTI – VICE CHAIRMAN
LESLIE B. ALEXANDER – SECRETARY
FRANCO ALFIERI
MICHAEL GRAVIER
ANNE MCGINN

MEMBERS ABSENT

DORIS BRAIS

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mike Marseglia called the August 3, 2011 meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:48 PM.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Mike M. asked for the approval of the March 2, 2011 minutes. A motion made by Leslie, seconded by Tony. The motion is voted unanimous to approve.

Mike M. asked for the approval of the April 11, 2011 minutes. A motion made by Leslie, seconded by Anne. The motion is voted unanimous to approve.

Mike M. asked for the approval of the May 4, 2011 minutes. A motion made by Leslie, seconded by Franco. The motion is voted unanimous to approve.

Mike M. asked for the approval of the June 29, 2011 minutes. A motion made by Leslie, seconded by Tony. The motion is voted unanimous to approve.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

The national Park Service, US Department of the Interior announces the release of The Blackstone River Valley Special Resource Study for public review and comment. Public meetings will be held Wednesday, August 10 at 3:00 pm and Tuesday August 16 at 7:00 pm.

V. WETLAND APPLICATIONS: None

VI. COMMISSION PROJECTS:

Organic Community Garden- The Town Administrator (TA) and the Finance Director (FD) declined the midnight spending by the CC. They stated that they govern the rules of spending for all departments. They claim that the spending on the Organic Community Garden (OCG) is outside the purpose of the CC. They need back up of spending for the auditors. The TA believes the organic garden is under the prevue of the Public Works Department and no longer the CC. The TA stated that CC projects have to correspond with the Town Charter Rules of the CC. Leslie stated that the OCG project/program was initiated by a previous CC member for the purpose of utilizing Open Space property. Mike M. stated that the program is there for the Town's people to work on for themselves and the donations for the Town's needy citizens. Leslie made a motion to purchase an adequate shed or fence, with a maximum of \$500.00, to protect the tools that the OCG members use to maintain the garden. Leslie states that the program does promote and develop the ecological resources of Open Space property. Mike M. seconded the motion. The motion is unanimously approved.

Butterfly Garden (BFG) – Leslie made a motion to replace the vandalized picnic bench at the BFG. The maximum spending to be \$500.00. Anne seconded the motion. The motion is unanimously approved. Leslie stated that she still needs to follow up with Tranquil Water Garden to fix the bio-falls.

Rain Garden- Mike M. stated that the planting is on hold until September.

Shady Brook –Leslie stated that she will get to the property at Shady Brook to cut the grass. Leslie is going to speak to Dave Sale regarding obtaining some mulch from the RI Resources Recovery plant in Johnston. Also Leslie is going to plant some bigger trees.

Open Space – Anne stated that the OS brochure is still being updated.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Franco stated that there is no report regarding the Adopt a Spot program. Franco is going to speak to the Public Works Department on potential areas. Leslie stated that she will call RIDEM regarding the other programs around the state.

Leslie made a motion to purchase a new sign for Albion Park. The maximum spending will be \$350.00. The sign is to replace the existing man made sign that Ron Chudy, the volunteer overseeing the park, made years ago. The sign states the historical significance of the park. Leslie states that this property was originally Open Space town property. Anne seconded the motion. The motion is unanimously approved.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Leslie stated that she is concerned about the salt pile runoff from the auto service station at the corner of Smithfield Avenue and Woodland Street. Leslie will call RIDEM to ask if this runoff should be addressed.

Franco questioned the missions of the CC. Franco stated that the CC should be made aware of new development in the town. He stated that there is a new development on Route 123. Franco suggested that someone from the CC should be attending the Planning Board (PB) meetings. He stated that some of these developments could be affecting the open space property in town. Leslie will have the PB agenda emailed to her. Franco suggested the CC members taking turns to attend the PB meetings. Tony questioned how the town can legally effect the development of the properties. Mike M. stated that only if the contractor does not meet up with zoning or planning board codes.

Mike G. suggests that the CC promote 2-3 specific projects and try to get them completed. Mike G. stated promoting more of the open space property. The CC should start a planning process for next year's budget.

Mike M. stated that the position of treasurer is open. Leslie made a motion to appoint Anne. Anne declined the position. Mike M. made a motion to appoint Franco. Franco accepts the appointment. Anne seconded the motion. The motion is unanimously approved.

IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The election of officers is scheduled for October 2011.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony seconded the motion. The motion is unanimous approved. The meeting adjourned 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Alexander, Secretary
Lincoln Conservation Commission